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RESPONSE TO
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)
And
NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT FILING FEES
And
PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated 4/15/2005, requires that the amendment to the Specification be on a separate page from the claims. Accordingly, the accompanying five (5) pages correct the Response filed 4/7/2005 to the Office action of 1/11/2005, with the amendment to the specification on page 1 and the four claims on pages 2-5.

The Notice of Insufficient Filing Fees requires a \$100.00 fee for the amendment filed 4/7/2005.

The Patent Application Fee Determination Record requires a \$100.00 fee for the fourth independent claim, presented in the Response filed 4/7/2005.

Accordingly, applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of \$200.00 as payment for the amendment filed 4/7/2005 and for the fourth independent claim appearing in the Response filed 4/7/2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response

Responsive to the Office action of January 11, 2005, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Cancel the paragraph on page 5, lines 10-14, and insert this replacement paragraph:

-- Figure 1 shows the workman W pushing the rod 19 and its rake 11 outwardly from the ladder L in the gutter G to a desired position P --, that is shown in Figure 2 --. The desired position P was selected by the workman as being the most beneficial position to begin raking in some of the pine straw and debris D within the gutter on the left side of the ladder. --

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